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## **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - March 13, 2007

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Forrest James Williams pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego, California to Count 1 of an indictment charging him with bank robbery.

According to Assistant U.S. Attorney Eugene S. Litvinoff, who is prosecuting the case, Williams admitted to robbing the Wells Fargo Bank at 4315 Mission Boulevard, San Diego, California, on December 9, 2006, and obtaining \$2,369. On March 5, 2007, co-defendant Lana Lenee Creager pled guilty to Count 2 of the indictment charging her with robbing the same Wells Fargo Bank on December 18, 2006. Creager obtained \$250 in that robbery.

Williams and Creager were apprehended by the San Diego Police Department on January 5, 2007, in the Pacific Beach area of San Diego, California, on suspicion of stealing an entire pushcart full of U.S. mail from a postal carrier. From this apprehension, Williams and Creager were linked to the robberies of the Wells Fargo Bank.

Sentencing for Williams is scheduled for June 5, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Sentencing for Creager is scheduled for May 29, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. Both sentencings are before United States District Judge Thomas J. Whelan.

U.S. Attorney Karen Hewitt praised the efforts of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, United States Postal Inspection Service, and the San Diego Police Department in bringing this case to a successful conclusion.

#### **DEFENDANTS**

Forrest James Williams Lana Lenee Creager

## **SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, U.S.C. § 2113(a), Bank Robbery

Penalties: Maximum twenty years' imprisonment. Maximum \$250,000 fine. Mandatory restitution of the value of property not returned (18 U.S.C. § 3663A).

#### **AGENCIES**

Federal Bureau of Investigation San Diego Police Department United States Postal Inspection Service